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On Behalf
Of:

Committee: House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and
Water

Measure: HB3086

To the House Committee on Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water,

Thank You for this opportunity,

As a resident of Oregon I wholeheartedly support HB 3086 with the -4 amendment, which aims to update the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) Commission structure to the river basin management area model. This model better will provide a more diverse body to represent and speak for our diverse wildlife and landscapes found here in Oregon. This will better prevent decisions based on political ideology in the future and support more science based decision making that is in the best interest of wild things and wild places, as well as all Oregonians who love this natural and renewable resource.

One other thing to consider, much has been made recently about the urban/rural divide in Oregon. This divide has only grown over the years. One aspect of this divide is the balance of power and representation, real or perceived, that favors the urban centers on the west side of the state. This bill is an obvious way to help alleviate some of the tension felt between east and west and shows that the voices from the eastern side of Oregon matter. Please do the right thing for wild things and wild places and pass HB3086.

Thank You,
James Hoffman
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